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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C.

112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1,35, 36 applicant uses the following phrases repeatedly without the use of the word "said" or "the", hence it is not clear if applicant is introducing a new limitation of referring to an already introduced limitation: one or more broadcast centers, one or more application programs, one or more communication satellites, one or more integrated receiver decoders, one or more modems, one or more communication servers, a network protocol, one or more interactive servers

Claims 2-17, the use of the following phrases lack antecedent basis: the individual satellite dish, the application, the modem, the communications server, the vendor, the application program, the application server, the broadcast server, the communications satellite, the interactive server, interactive server, the same local center.

Claim 18, applicant uses the phrase "one or more application program" followed by the phrase "the application program" It is not clear which application program applicant is claiming. Same problem with the communication satellite, the individual satellite dish, the integrated satellite decoder. There is a lack of antecedent basis.

Claims 18, 19, 21 applicant uses the phrase "a network protocol" in claims 18, 19, it is not clear if the network protocols are the same or different.

Claims 21, 33 applicant uses the following phrases repeatedly without the use of the word "said" or "the", hence it is not clear if applicant is introducing a new limitation of referring to an already introduced limitation: one or more broadcast centers, one or more communication satellites, one or more integrated receiver decoders, one or more interactive servers, one or more modems, one or more communications servers. Also the use of the following phrases lack antecedent basis: said application server, the communication satellite,

Claims 22-30, the use of the following phrases lack antecedent basis: the e-mail translation application, the communication server, the interactive

server, the individual satellite dish the communications server, the application server, the communications satellite, the individual satellite dish.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth N Vanderpuye whose telephone number is 703-308-7828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(7:30-5:00) Second Friday Off.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Olms can be reached on 703-305-4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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